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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 1651
PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

Docket No: Q54629

Takashi ECHIGO, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/319,384

Group Art Unit: 1651

Confirmation No.: 2943

Examiner: Francisco Chandler Prats

Filed: June 4, 1999

For: COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR TREATING A POROUS ARTICLE AND USE THEREOF

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Response is submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 28, 2003.

Review and reconsideration on the merits in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

A Petition for Extension of Time for three months is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, extending the time for response from October 28, 2004 to January 28, 2004.

A Notice of Appeal is being submitted herewith.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5, 7, 8, 10-17 and 19 are all the claims pending in the application.

On pages 2-4 of the Office Action, claims 1, 5, 7-16 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Haars et al. in view of Conradie.